

Support Groups For Sexual Abuse Survivors

The Adults Molested As Children Program of Lutheran Family Service of Oregon and Southwest Washington is screening male and female applicants who have been sexually abused as children for 13 week information and support groups scheduled to begin in September. Groups are also available for partners of survivors.

The groups are designed to help women and men, when they are ready, to look at and deal with the ways in which past abuse affects their lives in the present and to assist them in generating choices and options for the future. Participants will receive information on a variety of topics which will include: the impact of unresolved trauma; offender dynamics; survival mechanisms; family roles and rules; relationship issues; compulsive behaviors; and stages in the healing process.

In addition, group members will be able to identify with the stories and trauma of other participants and discover a source of support that fills the void and isolation that is familiar to people who have been abused.

"When someone is abused as a child or adolescent," states Myna

Somers, supervisor of the AMAC Program, "the pain does not disappear with the passage of time. Unless the person is able to share his or her story with others, to one degree or another they remain stuck in the past. The orientation groups provide a safe place either to begin or to continue working through these issues."

Along with group, members are also required to be in individual therapy. Also, people with substance abuse problems must be in recovery for at least a year. The group fee is based on a sliding scale depending on gross income and number of people supported.

A Partners' Group is also available for people who are in a relationship with someone who has been abused and who want to learn how to be more supportive. In addition to identifying with others who are in a similar situation, each will also have a chance to clarify his or her own issues.

Anyone wanting more specific information on group times or wishing to schedule a screening appointment for an orientation group is asked to contact Lutheran Family Service, 605 S.E. 39th Avenue, at 231-7480 between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

DEQ Installs Communication Device For The Deaf

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has opened the door to more direct communication between headquarters and the hearing impaired, with the installation of a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD). The TDD, which was installed at DEQ headquarters in Portland, 811 SW Sixth Ave., enables the caller to send and receive typewritten information over the phone, much like a fax machine.

DEQ receives thousands of phone calls from the public each year--the majority are questions about the vehicle inspection program. Calls to DEQ's TDD will be handled by the agency receptionist during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If the agency receptionist is not able to answer the caller's question, she will find the appropriate DEQ staff person to respond to the call.

The new TDD is actually the second one to be installed at DEQ. The

first one was put in for Virginia Esmond, a hearing-impaired environmental specialist in DEQ's Environmental Cleanup Division.

"Virginia has raised our awareness of the hearing impaired," said Mike Downs, administrator of the Environmental Cleanup division. "As a result, we are now able to be more sensitive and responsive to the needs of the deaf community."

Esmond said this is one less barrier for the deaf in Oregon. "The agency TDD line will also give freedom to the deaf community around the state. They will have the same access to the agency as hearing people do now," she said. "It gives me a wonderful feeling to know not only are people in the agency more aware and willing to act on that awareness, but that change can and does happen at DEQ."

DEQ's new TDD number is 229-6993.

OMSI's Planetarium Show Runs through Sept. 2

The Universe and All That Jazz

Visitors to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's Kendall Planetarium will learn how young the human race is compared to the age of the universe in a fun and jazzy planetarium and laser light show. *The Universe and All That Jazz* features Portland's rhythm and blues artist Curtis Salgado and Francine Raften as narrators. The 40-minute show, formerly known as History of the Universe, Part 1, will run through Sept. 2.

The Universe and All That Jazz creates a "Cosmic Calendar" that squeezes 15-billion years of history into one calendar year. The "Big Bang" occurs at 12 a.m. of January 1. The show ends with the birth of humanity

during the last moments of December 31. Visitors will witness the birth of galaxies and stars, fall through a black hole, dive inside a star, see an atom factory at work, and learn how the lives of stars may have led to Earth and all its life forms.

Laser Fantasy, Inc. provides dynamic laser art and effects throughout the show.

The Universe and All That Jazz, sponsored in-part by 620 KGW-Radio, will show in OMSI's Kendall Planetarium through September 2. OMSI is located at 4015 S.W. Canyon Rd., in Portland. For more information regarding show times and tickets, please call (503) 228-STAR.



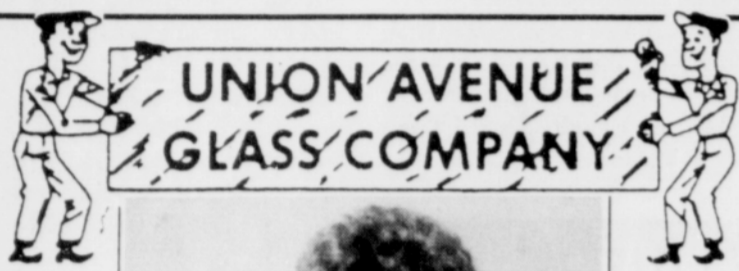
NNPA: Proactive and Profitable

The National Newspaper Publisher Association (NNPA), the Black Press of America, held its 51st Annual convention in Atlanta in June. With the theme: Proactive and Profitable, the NNPA 1991 attendance doubled. Conferees enjoyed dynamic speakers such as Operation PUSH President Rev. Henry Williamson Sr., Rev. Bernice King, Essence Magazine Editor-in-Chief Susan Taylor, Congressman William Gray and Second Episcopal District (AME) Bishop Hamel Brookins. Thought provoking workshops were led by National Bar Association President Algernia Scott Davis, founder of the Organization for a New Equality Rev. Charles Stith, Money Watch TV host Theodore Daniels, and US Census specialist Dwight Johnson.

Elections were held and the following publishers are the new NNPA officers and board members: President Robert Bogle, Philadelphia Tribune; First Vice President Sonny Messiah-Jiles, Houston Defender; Second Vice President John Smith, Atlanta Inquirer; Treasurer Dorothy Leavell, Chicago Crusader; Secretary Jane Woods, St. Louis Sentinel; and board

members Christopher Bennett, Seattle Medium; Cletta Thomas-Blackmon, Mobile Beacon; Andrew Cooper, The City Sun; Frances Murphy Draper, Afro American Newspaper Group; William Garth, Chicago Citizen Newspapers; Carlton B. Goodlet, Reporter Publications; John Holoman, Herald Dispatch; Dr. Ruth Love, California Voice; James Washington, Dallas Weekly; and Melynn Williams, Macon Courier.

Sponsors for the 1991 NNPA June Convention included: Kraft General Foods, Philip Morris Tobacco Co., Miller Brewing Co., Southland Corporation, American Tobacco Co., Ford Motor Co., Martell Cognac, Pepsi-Cola Co., Shoney's, Coca Cola USA, McDonald's Corp., Coors Brewing Co., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., General Motors Co., Schieffelin & Somerset Co., Anheuser-Busch, Inc., Second Episcopal District (AME) Handgun Control Inc., Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co., Southern Bell, Atlanta Life Insurance Co., H. J. Russell & Co., Kroger Co. and the Atlanta Inquirer newspaper.



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A Salute to the Atlanta Black Press gala dinner paid tribute to three newspaper publishers. Pictured (l to r) are: NNPA past president Tom Watkins, guest speaker Operation PUSH President Rev. Henry Williamson Sr., Honoree Atlanta Inquirer publisher John Smith, Atlanta Daily World publisher C. A. Scott, and the wife of Atlanta Voice publisher J. Lowell Ware.



Philip Morris Companies; Kraft General Foods, Miller Beer and Philip Morris Tobacco Co. sponsored the President's Reception. Pictured (l to r) are: Philip Morris executive Wanda Hopkins, NNPA First Vice President Sonny Messiah-Jiles, Watkins, Miller Beer Marketing Manager Noel Hankin, Philip Morris Manager Allene Roberts and Kraft General Foods Communications Manager Gina Gallovich.



Georgia Governor Zell Miller welcomed the NNPA conventioners.



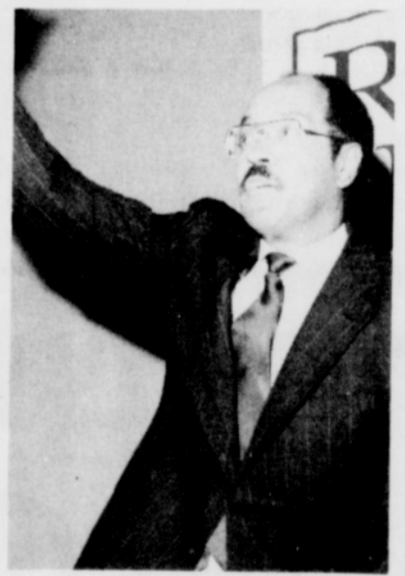
Atlanta based Coca Cola USA Vice President Chuck Morrison, a major convention sponsor, addressed the Black Press of America.



Anheuser Busch Vice President Henry Brown (left) joins NNPA past president Watkins and NNPA treasurer Dorothy Leavell in awarding the Distinguished Service Award to Turner Broadcasting Vice President Xernona Clayton.



Rev. Bernice King, youngest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., spoke of the need for positive Black images.



Congressman William Gray told the audience of his plans to leave Congress and head the United Negro College Fund.



McDonald's Corp. Special Markets director Sylvia Dabney, who served as a host/sponsor of the advertising workshop, poses with Watkins.



Coors Brewing Co. Program Manager Moses Brewer, after serving as workshop sponsor, shakes hands with NNPA past president Watkins.



The NNPA Russwurm award recipient and top Newspaper of the Year is the Michigan Chronicle. Pictured are: Michigan Chronicle representatives Eugene Scott and Karen Love along with NNPA Merit Awards sponsor Anheuser Busch Vice President Henry Brown.



R. J. Reynolds Vice President Ben Ruffin receives the NNPA Advertising and Marketing Award at the Friday luncheon. Pictured (l to r) are: Winston-Salem Chronicle publisher Ernie Pitt, guest speaker Congressman Gray, NNPA newly elected president Robert W. Bogle, Ruffin, and Watkins.



Second Episcopal District (AME) Bishop H. Hartford Brookins spoke to the publishers on the importance of handgun control.



Pepsi Cola Company's Sam Hall confers with C. Delores Tucker (far left) and Betty Shine of Pepsi.



Shoney's executive Betty Marshall and Danner Co. Executive Vice President Francis Guess were sponsors for the breakfast featuring guest speaker Susan Taylor, Vice President of Essence Communications.